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SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT NAMED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR

1. ON SEPTEMBER 16 PRESIDENT BOKASSA NAMED DAVID DACKO, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE CAR, AS HIS PERSONAL ADVISOR. DACKO WAS OUSTED IN A MILITARY COUP ENGINEERED BY BOKASSA ON JANUARY 1, 1966. HE HAD ALREADY BEGUN EARLY THIS YEAR TO APPEAR OCCASIONALLY AT OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT. HIS OFFICIAL NOMINATION WAS COUCHED IN TERMS OF THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT.

2. COMMENT: DACKO, WHO WAS BORN MARCH 24, 1930, IS LIKE BOKASSA, AND MOST OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, A MEMBER OF THE SMALL MBAKA TRIBE. AS A SO-CALLED ADVISOR HE WILL BRING NEITHER YOUTH NOR A REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT, A LA MAO TSE-TUNG, TO HIS NEW ROLE. NONETHELESS HE IS CONSIDERABLY YOUNGER THAN BOKASSA AND IT WAS HE WHO FIRST ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HIS NOMINATION WAS INTENDED AS A GESTURE TO THE PRC. IN ANY CASE NO ONE SERIOUSLY BELIEVES THAT DACKO WILL BE ANYTHING MORE THAN AN ADVISOR IN NAME ONLY. HE IS ALSO CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM THE LIST OF MEMBERS ON THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. HE IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE AN INTELLECTUAL LIGHTWEIGHT EASILY INTIMIDATED BY BOKASSA.

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